



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – September 9, 2014

FirstNet News

- U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker announced the names of FirstNet's new board members on September 4: former Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas; Houston Mayor Annise Parker; Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank; Hennepin County, Minn., Sheriff Richard Stanek; and technology executive Frank Plastina from North Carolina. Additionally, retired telecommunications executive Ed Reynolds was reappointed to the board. To view the bios of the FirstNet board of Directors visit <http://firstnet.gov/board/members>.
- The Federal Register notice for the Board of Directors meeting on September 17 was released: <http://www.firstnet.gov/sites/default/files/firstnet-board-meeting-notice-september-2014-meetings.pdf>. Please note that if you plan to attend in person, an RSVP is required.
- The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) executive committee meets at FirstNet headquarters on September 17-18.
- FirstNet will host a briefing for staff representatives of public safety and state/local/tribal associations at FirstNet headquarters on September 18.
- Recent hires include:
 - **Joshua Ederheimer, Senior Law Enforcement Advisor:** Josh joined FirstNet in September and is on a temporary detail from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office, where he holds the position of Principal Deputy Director. He was designated by the Attorney General as Acting Director from March 2013, through November 2013. During his tenure at DOJ, Josh was tasked with advancing DOJ's law enforcement support priorities through the management of an active portfolio of nearly \$3 billion. Josh spent more than 22 years with the D.C. Police Department, where he attained the rank of Assistant Chief. He served in a variety of areas including patrol, investigations, administration and command. Josh also served as the Director

of the Center on Force and Accountability at the Police Executive Research Forum. Josh can be reached at joshua.ederheimer@firstnet.gov.

○ **Christopher Algiere, Outreach Division:** Chris joined the FirstNet team in August as the federal outreach lead. He has over 29 years of experience in the tactical and administrative areas of wired and wireless communications as an emergency responder, subject matter advisor, system maintainer, spectrum manager, strategist, planner and inter-agency coordinator working with federal departments and agencies. Chris comes to FirstNet most recently from the Office of Cybersecurity and Communications within the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Communications where he focused upon long range strategic planning and stakeholder engagement. Chris can be reached at christopher.algiere@firstnet.gov.

- The state consultation division continues to prepare for upcoming consultation meetings. The next consultation meeting will be September 24 in Minnesota, and five more meetings have been scheduled for later this fall: in Oregon on October 8; Washington on October 16; Montana on October 29; Utah on November 6; and Iowa on November 18.
- To date, FirstNet has received completed state consultation checklists from 25 states and territories: Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Guam, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming.
- PSCR, as part of their support to FirstNet, is engaged in testing Quality of Service (QoS) and priority and pre-emption features. There are five Evolved Packet Core (EPC) vendors engaged. Two vendors have equipment that is integrated and under detailed testing. Three of the vendors are in the process of upgrading and integrating their equipment. Initial results look encouraging.
- PSCR is pushing for key public safety requirements on Mission Critical Push to Talk (PTT), group communications, direct mode and locations services in 3GPP standards committees.

From the States

- September 18 – The Indiana Integrated Public Safety Commission is sponsoring a statewide FirstNet/National Public Safety Broadband Network conference in Indianapolis.
- September 30 – Registration is currently underway for the third outreach workshop sponsored by the Oklahoma FirstNet team at the Moore City Hall in Moore, OK. FirstNet

staff had an opportunity to tour Moore in August 2013 following an emergency communications debrief of the 2013 tornados in Oklahoma City & Moore.

Media Watch

Traditional Media

Trade publications focused this week on the new board appointments.

Homeland Security Today: Amid Protests, FirstNet-related Tactical LTE Communications System Used in Urban Shield Exercise

<http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/industry-news/single-article/amid-protests-firstnet-related-tactical-lte-communications-system-used-in-urban-shield-exercise/00061b238f0bdc2c4e58d46a2ca5882d.html>

Fierce Wireless Tech: Dowd, Fitzgerald Are Out as FirstNet Board Gains Five New Members

http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/dowd-fitzgerald-are-out-firstnet-board-gains-five-new-members/2014-09-07?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=rss

State Tech Magazine: Designing the Next-Generation Police Cruiser

<http://www.statetechmagazine.com/article/2014/09/designing-next-generation-police-cruiser>

Washington Exec: Randy Fuerst Takes Helm at Oceus Networks as CEO, President

<http://www.washingtonexec.com/2014/09/randy-fuerst-takes-helm-oceus-networks-ceo-president/>

Social Media

The FirstNet Twitter account now has 850 followers, and the LinkedIn account has 229 followers. FirstNet has seen excellent social media responses to the posting of FirstNet job

announcements. FirstNet's blog posts can be found at:
<http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>